require discussions with the staff-side before finalisation.

Migrant Labour

2463. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of migrant workers who have gone from one State to another to work under some contractors for a fixed period during the last three years, State-wise with originating State;

(b) whether the migrant workers are not able to get their claims settled when compensation cases under Inter-state Migrant Workers Act are taken up by commissioners of State Government other than the originating States;

(c) if so, the steps the Government propose to remedy the situation; and

(d) the details of the policies/schemes for the welfare of migrant labour?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment & conditions of Service) Act, 1979 provides that it shall be the duty of every contractor employing inter-state migrant workmen in connection with the work of an establishment to which this Act applies:-

(a) to ensure regular payment of wages to such workmen;

(b) to ensure equal pay for equal work irrespective of sex;

(c) to ensure suitable condition of work to such workmen having regard to the fact that they are required to work in a State different from their own State;

(d) to provide and maintain suitable residential accommodation to such workmen during the period of their employment;

(e) to provide the prescribed medical facilities to the workmen, free of charge;

(f) to provide such protective clothing to the workmen as may be prescribed; and

(g) in case of fatal accident or serious bodily injury to any such workman, to report to the specified authorities of both the States and also the next-of-kin of the workman.

Revision in Payment Terms

2464. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have revised the payment terms for the supply of coal to the consuming industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a wide gap between allotment and actual loading of coal varing from 15 days to 3 months due to shortage of Railway wagon;

(d) the number of textile industries in Gujarat suffering due to shortage of coal supply;

(e) the annual percentage of shortage of coal supply anticipated in the coming years; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken so far by the Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMA-